

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4915  
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UNCLAS KATHMANDU 1505

E. O. 11652: N/ A  
TAGS: NP, PGOV  
SUBJECT: FIVE CABINET MEMBERS RESIGN AS PANCHAYAT TERMS EXPIRE

1. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO RUDRA PRASAD GIRI, GEN ADMINISTRATION  
MINISTER RABINDRA NATH SHARMA, HOME PANCHAYAT AND LAND REFORM  
MINISTER JOG MEHER SHRESTHA, STATE MINISTER FOR GEN ADMINISTRATION  
HARISH CHANDRA MAHAT AND STATE MINISTER FOR WATER, POWER LAW  
AND JUSTICE HOM BAHADUR SHRESTHA ALL REPORTEDLY RESIGNED FROM  
CABINET TODAY.

2. RESIGNATIONS COINCIDE WITH EXPIRATION NATIONAL PANCHAYAT  
TERMS THESE MINISTERS. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONTROVERSY AS TO  
WHETHER RESIGNATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR ENCUMBENTS  
TO CONTEST PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY, WITH  
ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER HAVING RULED RESIGNATIONS NOT MANDATORY,  
BUT OPPOSITION CITING " PRECEDENT" ESTABLISHED BY PRIMIN  
BISTA WHEN HE RESIGNED TO CONTEST ELECTIONS IN 1970.

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